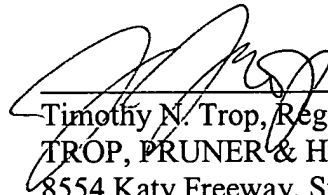


In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

An application data sheet is attached to overcome the deficiency with respect to the Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

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Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1 (Amended). A flat panel display comprising:

a tiled array of display elements wherein each display element has a front surface that emits light and a back surface that does not substantially emit light;

a seam between adjacent display elements, said seam having a length; and

a strap attached to said back surfaces [over] along the seam length [seams] between the display elements.

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5 (Amended). The display of claim [4] 6 wherein the perpendicular straps are attached to the frame.

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

11 (Amended). A method comprising:

arranging an array of display elements to form a flat-panel display, the display elements each having a front surface that emits light and a back surface that does not substantially emit light; and

securing a strap [across] to said back surfaces along the length of seams between the adjacent display elements.

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

17 (Amended). A method comprising:

configuring a flat-panel display from an array of display elements, each of the display elements having a front surface that emits light and a back surface that does not substantially emit light;

fastening straps [across] along the length of seams [between] on said back surfaces of the adjacent display elements; and

redistributing a stress placed on [a transparent] said front surface of a flat-panel display to said straps.